

Lab and city team for emergency preparedness drill

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PREPARING FOR DISASTER — Personnel from the Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate and members of the Oneida County, NY, Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Team prepare for decontamination of “victims” during a disaster preparedness/emergency response exercise Oct. 27. The exercise was based on a scenario of a motor vehicle accident resulting in the spill of liquid chlorine, with injuries to vehicle occupants and workers in a nearby AFRL facility. With the 1995 realignment of the former Griffiss AFB, HAZMAT equipment was turned over to the county, resulting in creation of a team composed of City of Rome firefighters and volunteers from surrounding communities.